The Govt, has taken the following corrective steps to reduce the cash losses of ALIMCO :

1. Higher capacity utilisation of existing plant and machinery;

2. Rationalisation of product-mix to achieve better viability;

3. Avoidance of intermediate agents as far as possible and its product distribution channel;

4. Upgradation of designs and product quality resulting to enhanced market;

5. Enforcing economy in office expenditure and overhead expenditure;

6. Redeployment and redistribution of staff from separate departments to production units.

As a result of steps taken already the cash losses has been brought down from 172.79 lakhs during 1992-93 to 57.26 lakhs during 1993-94.

Liquor consumption

5210. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that liquor consumption in the country has risen manifold during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details of liquor consumption in each State and Union Territory during the said period;

(c) whether Government are aware that in order to increase the sale of liquor many State Governments have introduced mobile sale van's and poly packs of liquor;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to reduce the liquor consumption in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Protection of Minorities run Educational Institutions

5211. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the Minorities Commission regarding the need to amend the Constitution to give necessary protection to Minority run educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

डा. बी. आर. अम्बेडकर स्मारक की स्थापना निर्माण

5212. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 26 अलीपुर, रोड, दिल्ली में डा. बी. आर. अम्बेडकर स्मारक स्थापित करने/निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव आज की स्थिति के अनुसार किस अवस्था में है और तत्संबंधी पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) स्मारक स्थापित करने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. वी. तंगकाबालू) : (क) तथा (ख) 26 अलीपुर रोड में डा. अम्बेडकर स्मारक स्थापित करने/निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार के सक्रिय विचाराधीन है ।

Street and working children in the country

5213. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any figure of street and working children in the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ameliorate their lot; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) and (b) According to 1981 census estimates there were 13.6 million child labour in the country. No national survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of street children in the country. However, as Survey was undertaken jointly by Govt, and UNICEF in 8 cities of the country namely Hyderabad, Bangalore, Indore, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur, Calcutta and Delhi. According to the Sample Survey there are 1.10 lakh street children in Delhi and 0.40 lakh street children in Madras. Data regardijng the total number of street children in other citie is not available.

(c) Child Labour is prohibited under various labour laws such as the Factories Act, 1948, Mines Act, 1952, Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966. The Child Labour (P&R) Act, 1986 prohibits child labour in various occupations and processes as listed in its schedule. A vigorous enforcement of these legislations through ain effective inspection machinery is expected to act as a deterrent for employing children. Govt, have launched a training programme for laboiu: inspectors for more etfective inspections.

In addition to the legislative measures, there are various schemes taken up by the Govt, and International Organisatiolns for children withdrawn from work. Under the National Child Labour Policy, projects have been taken up at present in 9 areas of child labour concentration. Similarly, there is a grant-in-aid scheme where grant to the extent of 75% is given to Voluntary Organisations for taking up projects for working children. The International Labour' Organisation has also taken up project called the International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC). Sity projects have been taken up under this project benefitting more then 33,000 childrein.

As regards Street children Govt, hat launched a Scheme for the Welfare of Street Children under which grants , are sanctioned to Voluntary Organisations for the welfare of street children. It is being implemented to be implemented in 37 cities of the country including all State capitals. In addition to this there is also the Scheme of 'Welfare of Children in Need of Care and Protection' which has been transferred to State Govts,/U.T. Admns. w.e.f. 1-4-1992. In addition to these schemes certain Voluntary Organisations are also doing work for rehabilitation of street children.

(d) Does not arise.

अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के छात्रों के लिए छात्रावासों का निर्माण

5214. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र प्रवर्तित योजना के अंतर्गत अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के छात्रों के लिए छात्रावास भवनों के निर्माण हेतु राज्य सरकारों को अनुदान प्रदान करने का निर्णय कब लिया गया था;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि छात्रावास भवनों के निर्माण की लागत बढ़ी है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने योजना आरम्भ करने समय निर्धारित अधिकतम सीमा की तुलना में निर्माण लागत में वृद्धि के प्रतिशत के बारे में आकलन किया है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ऐसे छात्रावासों के निर्माण को स्वीकृति देते समय निर्माण लागत में वृद्धि के अनुपात में राज्यों के अनुदान में भी वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो अनुदान में कब से वृद्धि की जाएगी ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. वी. तंग्कावालु) : (क) अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति की लड़कियों के लिए होस्टलों के निर्माण की केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजनाएं, तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान आरम्भ की गई थीं । अनुसूचित जाति व अनुसूचित जनजाति के लड़कों के लए होस्टलों के निर्माण की केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजनाएं 1989-90 में आरम्भ की गई थी ।

(ख) जी, हां ।